

# The Basics and Beyond

2010 Public Health Nurse  
and Immunization Conference  
May 19 –20, 2010



Indiana State  
Department of Health

The Immunization Division  
and  
The Local Health Department Outreach Office

# 2010 Public Health Nurse Conference

## AGENDA OVERVIEW

### Wednesday, May 19

12:00-12:30	Registration
12:30- 12:45	Welcome/Introductions
12:45-1:15	Plenary Presentation - ISDH Happenings - Loren Robertson
1:15-3:15	Workshop
3:15-3:30	<b>BREAK</b>
3:30-4:30	Immunization Update - Donna Weaver - Centers for Disease Control

### Thursday, May 20

8:00-8:45	Registration
8:45-9:00	Welcome/Introductions - Dr. James Howell
9:00-9:45	Keynote Address - Dr. Gregory Larkin
9:45-10:00	Vendor Spotlight
10:00-10:30	<b>BREAK</b>
10:30-11:30	Concurrent Session 1
11:30 – 12:45	<b>LUNCH</b>
12:45- 1:45	Concurrent Session 2
1:45 – 2:00	<b>BREAK</b>
2:00 - 3:00	Concurrent Session 3
3:00 - 3:15	<b>BREAK</b>
3:15 - 4:15	Closing Plenary - Dr. Joan Duwve
4:15 - 4:30	Final Remarks and Evaluations

# Wednesday, May 19

## LOCATION

**12:00 - 12:30 Registration**

**4th Floor Lobby**

**12:30 - 12:45 Welcome and Introductions**

**450 B/C**

**12:45 - 1:15 Plenary Presentation— ISDH Happenings**

*Loren Robertson, Deputy State Health Commissioner, ISDH*

**450 B/C**

**1:15 - 3:15 Workshops**

### **Coalition Building and Networking**

**268**

*Kelly Kelley, Vanderburgh County HD*

*Tony Gillespie, Indiana Minority Health Coalition*

This session is designed to provide participants with the tools and insider tips needed to create and maintain effective coalitions and partner networks for achieving results. This session is appropriate for those new to coalition and network building however, those with experience will also gain powerful ideas for further development.

### **Case Sensitive Interviewing and Counseling**

**305**

*Cathy Archey-Morgan, ISDH*

This workshop will provide skills, techniques and perspective into interviews and counseling sessions surrounding sensitive topics such as HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases. The information can be expanded to fit other sensitive topic discussions.

### **Dosage Counting in Tuberculosis (TB)**

**307**

*Sarah Burkholder, ISDH*

Learn how dose counting can help you case manage your TB patient.

## LOCATION

### **1:15 - 3:15 Workshops**

#### **Hosting School Based Vaccination Clinics**

**309**

*April Bailey, ISDH*

*Barb Baker, St Joseph County HD*

*Karen Long, Howard County HD*

*Carolyn Davis, Elkhart County HD*

This workshop will focus on the basics of how to plan and implement a school based clinic, with tips for working with the schools, clinic logistics and vaccine transport. A panel of local health department nurses will also present on lessons learned from the field in hosting school clinics and best practices.

#### **Communicable Disease Surveillance and Reporting**

**405**

*Pam Pontones, ISDH*

This session will allow attendees to identify reportable diseases, describe the process for reporting these diseases, and explain the importance of reporting these diseases. Participants will receive reference material that they can use in their daily work of disease reporting.

### **3:15 - 3:30 BREAK**

#### **3:30 - 4:30 Immunization Update**

**450 B/C**

*Donna Weaver - Centers for Disease Control*

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*Dr. James Howell, Assistant Commissioner of the Public Health and Preparedness Commission, ISDH*

**9:00 - 9:45 Keynote Address**

**450 B/C**

**Public Health Nurses: Providing a Strong Foundation for Public Health in Indiana**

*Dr. Gregory Larkin, State Health Commissioner, ISDH*

The presentation is a call to action and reinforcement of the special role that public health nurses play in Indiana. Topics include the public health nurse's role, accreditation, service delivery, and health information technology.

**9:45 - 10:00 Vendor Spotlight**

**450 B/C**

*Each vendor will give a short, one minute presentation about their organization.*

**10:00 - 10:30 BREAK**

**10:30 - 11:30 Concurrent Session 1**

**Asthma Programs throughout the State of Indiana**

**305**

*Kathryn Nicely, ISDH*

This is a presentation on asthma programs/resources available to Health Care Providers, Community Members, and Asthma Sufferers throughout the State of Indiana. There will be many presenters give short descriptions of the asthma programs they work with. These presenters will be available for questions after the session.

**Best Practices for Informative Presentations**

307

*Charlie Armstrong, Kayla Gregory, Jeanine Phipps  
Purdue University*

Learn the four key elements of effective informative presentations: purposeful preparation, audience analysis, effective delivery, and successful time management. This session will include illustrative examples and practical strategies for each of these four elements.

**Emergency Declarations and the Law**

309

*Jennifer Bruner, ISDH*

This session will discuss public health preparedness issues including types of emergency declarations available at the federal & state levels of government, what those declarations can trigger, and how public health and medical personnel may be affected. The 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic will provide the backdrop.

**Improving Immunizations Rates**

405

*Charlene Graves, MD, FAAP,  
Indiana Immunization Task Force*

Based on the Indiana Immunization Strategic Plan recently developed by the Indiana Immunization Task Force, this session will discuss strategies to improve immunization coverage of children, adolescents, and adults.

**I-NEDSS: Improving Disease Reporting in Indiana**

409

*Ryan Gentry, ISDH*

This session will explain I-NEDSS (Indiana National Electronic Disease Surveillance System) and the history of the project, provide an update on the current status of the system, and discuss benefits and challenges of electronic disease reporting and surveillance.

## LOCATION

**11:30 – 12:45 LUNCH**

**450 B/C**

**12:45 – 1:45 Concurrent Session 2**

### **Breastfeeding: A Strategy for Improved Health and Obesity Prevention**

**305**

*Tina Cardarelli , Indiana Perinatal Network*

Social, economic and health benefits of breastfeeding for babies, moms, families, businesses and communities. The role of the Public Health Nurse in promoting and supporting breastfeeding and a overview of current Indiana breastfeeding initiatives.

### **Grants - What You Need to Know**

**307**

*Paul Lang, IUPUI*

Grants can be helpful but they also have requirements and sometimes consequences. Hear a former CFO's perspective.

### **Emerging Research**

**309**

**12:45 – 1:10pm - Working Towards a Healthier**

**Indiana: One Community at a Time**

*Erin Slevin, MPH, CHES*

This session will focus on the Indiana Healthy Weight Initiative and the Healthy Communities Program.

**1:15pm – 1:40pm Using the PDCA Cycle to Improve Cervical Cancer Screenings at an HIV Clinic**

*Dana Hines-Cheatem, MSN, RN*

This session will provide a quality improvement approach via the use of the PDCA cycle.

**1:40pm- 1:45pm – Questions**

**12:45 – 1:45 Concurrent Session 2**

**LOCATION**

**VFC for Beginners**

**405**

*Sharon Griffin, ISDH*

This session is for nurses new to the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. VFC has many requirements that will be reviewed in this session to ensure providers are properly implementing the program in their office.

**Public Health Nursing and the Law**

**409**

*Morgan E. McGill, JD, Luke H. Britt, JD, ISDH*

Speakers will address legal issues that public health nurses regularly encounter, with practical examples. Emphasis will be on confidentiality, communicable disease laws (quarantine, isolation, issues related to investigations), professional liability, and other laws and regulations that public health nurses must understand and follow in their practice.

**1:45 - 2:00 BREAK**

**2:00 – 3:00 Concurrent Session 3**

**Microsoft PowerPoint: Best Practices**

**305**

*Charlie Armstrong, Kayla Gregory, Jeanine Phillips ,  
Purdue University*

Learn basic techniques and strategies for enhancing your public speaking with classic, professional PowerPoint presentations. The session will cover the basics of putting together a strong PowerPoint, as well as practical tips and tricks.

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**2:00 - 3:00 Concurrent Session 3**

**LOCATION**

**Emerging Research**

**309**

**2:00pm – 2:25pm Unexplained Lead Poisoning Among  
Burmese Refugee Children – Indiana, 2009**

*Matthew D. Ritchey, DPT, MPH, Marrisa Scalia Sucosky,  
MPH, Taran Jefferies, ScM, David McCormick, Amy  
Hesting, Curtis Blanton, MS, Joan Duwve, MD, MPH,  
Robin Bruner, W. Randolph Daley, DVM, MPH, Mary Jean  
Brown, ScD, RN*

This session will discuss the findings associated with a study examining BLLs among Burmese refugee children and its cause.

**2:25pm- 2:45pm Indiana Rural and Urban HIV-  
Infected Populations**

*Jodi Tobias, MPA, Daniel Hillman, MPH, Cheryl Pearcy,  
BS, Lois Carnicom, Michael Connor, BS, Stephanie Lofton,  
BA, Jeremy Roseberry, MA*

The session will focus on the latest data available from the HIV Medical Monitoring Project (MMP), specifically within rural communities.

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**Indiana's Public Health Workforce Development Project and Toolkit**

**450 B/C**

*James Howell, Leisa Prasser , ISDH*

*Lynn Maitlen, Dubois County Health Department*

The Indiana Public Health Workforce Development Project focuses on Essential Public Health Service #8, Assure a Competent Workforce. The goals of the project are to: 1) help Indiana's local health departments work toward accreditation 2) achieve standardization within the public health workforce. A toolkit will be presented.

**3:00 - 3:15 BREAK**

**3:15 - 4:15 Closing Plenary - H1N1: A Pandemic in Review**

**450 B/C**

*Dr. Joan Duwve, Medical Director, Public Health and Preparedness Commission, ISDH*

This closing plenary will be review the H1N1 campaign and lessons learned. After a short review on the campaign, participants will have the opportunity to discuss lessons learned from the H1N1 pandemic response.

**4:15 - 4:30 Final Remarks and Evaluations**

**450 B/C**

# Biographies

**Cathy Archey-Morgan** is a Public Health Administrator and Program Manager for the Training and Development Program within the Division of HIV/STD. She has been employed with the state of Indiana for 15+ years, and has worked grass roots public health for more than 20 years. Cathy also consults with community based organization throughout the United States. A few of her areas of expertise include program management, organizational and resource development, and capacity building. In her spare time Cathy enjoys becoming the student who is taught about motherhood by her 14-year old son and 5-year old daughter. It's all about keeping things balanced.

**Charlie Armstrong** is a Master's Degree candidate in Organizational Communication at Purdue University, graduating this May. His professional experience in public speaking includes three years as a college recruiter, as well as leading and assisting professional development workshops on topics such as "Organization for the Unorganized" and "Communicating Effectively in the Workplace". He has taught public speaking at the university level for two years.

**April Bailey** is the Deputy Director of Field Operations for the Immunization Division. Prior to this position she served as the Immunization Education Manager. As the Education Manager, she coordinated the development of the Local Health Department Guide for Hosting a Mass Vaccination Clinic, which focuses on the planning and implementation of school-based and other mass vaccination efforts. April was also largely involved in the implementation of the ISDH H1N1 Strike Team Campaign, coordinating and implementing several vaccination clinics. She has a BS from Illinois State University in Community Health Education and attended the University of Kentucky graduate program in communication with an emphasis on health communication. She has been with ISDH since September 2008.

**Erica Bailey** was hired as the TB/Refugee Health Educator for the TB Control Program for ISDH in March 2010. During this short time of being the health educator, she has created a World TB fact sheet, became a member of TB ETN, and has completed online training curriculums for TB via CDC resource. She plans to work on educational resources for Local Health Departments in the future as well as work with special population groups impacted by TB. Erica was formally trained in health promotion programming at Ball State University's health science graduate program and is certified as a health education specialist (CHES) and received her BS in Community Health from Indiana State University.

**Barbara Baker** has been the Director of Nursing for the St. Joseph County Health Department in South Bend since 2006. Prior to moving to Indiana, she focused in Women's and Infant Services served in both clinical and management roles in hospitals in Pennsylvania, Ohio, California and Oregon. She assumed a leadership role in the formation of an Immunization Task Force to continue to address the issues of under-immunization of children and adolescents in the Michiana region. She is a member of the Indiana Immunization Coalition. Barbara received her Diploma of Nursing from Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing in Portland, OR and a BA in Organizational Management and an MS in Health Services Management from Eastern University in St. Davids, PA. She served as Associate Faculty for Eastern University from 2000-2005. She currently is an Associate Faculty member for Davenport University.

**Luke H. Britt** grew up in Greenwood, Indiana, attending Center Grove High School and graduating with a B.A. in Journalism from Franklin College. After earning a law degree from University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Luke returned home to Indiana to practice law in the private sector before joining ISDH in 2007. His areas of concentration include matters involving acute care, long term care, communicable disease, Children's Special Health Care Services, and human resources.

**Jennifer M. Bruner** is an attorney for the ISDH, where she provides legal counsel to the Division of Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response. Jennifer advises the Division on matters related to public health emergency preparedness, homeland security, and emergency management and response. A native of Indianapolis, Indiana, she has a BA in political science from Ball State University, where she graduated magna cum laude. Jennifer obtained her law degree from the Indiana University School of Law. Prior to joining the ISDH in 2003, Jennifer completed internships with and served under the General Counsel at the State Emergency Management Agency (now Indiana Department of Homeland Security) and under the Director of the Counter Terrorism and Security Council (CTASC). She is a frequent speaker on issues related to public health preparedness.

**Sarah Burkholder** assumed the role of TB Control Program Director for ISDH in January 2007. Within a year her responsibilities were expanded to include refugee health and she became the director of the TB/Refugee Health Division. Sarah has approximately 15 years of TB experience, with 6 years of international TB control experience in South America and 7 years as the manager of the Community Health Nursing Division of the Elkhart County Health Department. Her current responsibilities include surveillance, program development, overseeing TB cases, writing grants and policies, and as-

sisting the TB Regional Nurses and Outreach Workers. Sarah received her BSN from Virginia Commonwealth University and her MPH from University of Michigan.

**Tina Cardarelli** began her career as a classroom teacher but changed her career path to fulfill her goal of using her abilities as a teacher to help moms learn how to get their children off to a healthy start. To that end, Tina has work in public health in three states: Massachusetts, Michigan and for the past two years, Indiana as the State Breast-feeding Coordinator.

**Erika Chapman** serves the State of Indiana as the Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator with the ISDH Division of HIV, STD, and Viral Hepatitis. Erika has her MPH from the Indiana University School of Medicine with a concentration in Behavioral Health Science and her BS degree in Psychology from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. She also holds the newly established Certified in Public Health (CPH) credential and is a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES). Before beginning her career in the public sector as an HIV Prevention Specialist in 2006, Mrs. Chapman worked in the private sector around employment services and child and family development. In addition to her professional experience, she served as an in country intern within the ENLACE Honduras air quality project and, with the ISDH TB Prevention and Control Program.

**Dana Hines-Cheatem**, MSN, RN is the Quality Program Manager for the Ryan White Part A Services Program of Marion County Health Department. She has completed quality improvement training through the National Quality Center, has authored a concept paper for a Quality Improvement Fellowship Program for the National Quality Center and has worked closely with local Ryan White providers in measuring quality improvement.

**Carolyn S. Davis** received her Diploma in Nursing from St Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, BSN from Bowling Green State University. She has been a RN Supervisor with the Elkhart County Health Department for the last 10 years, supervising the immunization program since 2004. Carolyn coordinated the administration of H1N1 vaccine at school clinics in all school districts in Elkhart County. She is a member of the Board of Directors of Indiana Public Health Association.

**Joan Duwve** is the Medical Director for Public Health and Preparedness at the Indiana State Department of Health. She received her MPH from the University of Michigan School of Public Health in 1986. She worked as the Senior Grants Officer for the North Africa/Middle East Regional Office of The Association for Voluntary Surgical Contraception until starting medical school at The Johns Hopkins University in 1990. She completed her residency training in family medicine at St. Vincent Hospital in Indian-

apolis in 1997, and was a practicing family physician until joining ISDH in 2008. During her 2 years at ISDH, she has worked with the immunization, lead poisoning prevention, injury prevention, Tb, STD, and disaster preparedness programs. During H1N1, she assisted with developing plans for strike teams and school immunization clinics.

**Ryan Gentry** has worked in public health for 6 years and started his career as a microbiologist for the ISDH. He worked in the ISDH Public Health Laboratory for 2 ½ years before taking a position as the Quality Assurance Epidemiologist for the ISDH Surveillance and Investigation Division in 2006. In 2008, Ryan became the Syndromic Surveillance Epidemiologist where he monitors statewide surveillance data and serves as the Indiana National Disease Surveillance System (I-NEDSS) Business Process Consultant. He graduated from Southern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in microbiology and is currently enrolled at the Indiana University School Medicine in the MPH program.

**Anthony Gillespie** is the Senior Field Consultant for Indiana Minority Health Coalition (IMHC), a state wide organization that focuses on chronic disease and other health-related issues that disproportionately affect racial and ethnic minority populations and provides capacity building and technical assistance to community based non-profits and coalitions. Gillespie also services as Executive Director of Brothers Uplifting Brothers, a grassroots HIV/AIDS organization. BUB targets gay men and transgendered individuals who live with HIV with housing and homelessness programs and services. In 2006 Gillespie was named the Indiana regional, statewide and national Citizen of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers. He has more than 19 years experience working at the state and community level addressing HIV/AIDS and many other chronic disease issues and health disparities. Currently, he is Chair of the Northwest Continuum of Care Network addressing affordable housing and homeless issues; a Technical Assistance Provider for the Indiana HIV Prevention Community Planning Group, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Community HealthNet at the Gary Community Health Center and the Indiana Delegate for the Midwest AIDS Policy Alliance.

**Charlene Graves, MD, FAAP**, graduated from Michigan State University and from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine, then completed her pediatric residency at Montefiore Hospital in New York City. After moving to Indiana in 1978, a variety of positions were held, including director of the pediatric residency program at Methodist Hospital from 1983 to 2000 and serving as Medical Director for the Immunization Program at the ISDH from 2000 to 2007. Charlene is currently serving as Chairman of the Indiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Immunization Committee

and served as Co-Chair of the Indiana Immunization Task Force from November of 2008 to December of 2009.

**Kayla Gregory** is a Master's candidate in Public Affairs and Issue Management at Purdue University, where she also received her bachelor's degree in Professional Writing and Communication. She has worked as a marketing professional for the university for three years, including designing promotional materials, writing and editing informational content, and managing projects. She serves as president of the Lafayette, IN chapter of the Association for Women in Communications.

**Sharon Griffin** graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. She has been employed with the state of Indiana for 25 years, where she has served with the Department of Family and Social Services as Educator and Supervisor and the ISDH where she has served as Chief Financial Officer for a children's development center. Sharon is currently a health educator for the ISDH Immunization Program.

**Dr. James Howell** is the Assistant Commissioner for Public Health and Preparedness, Indiana State Department of Health. He oversees the day to day operations of the Epidemiology Resource Center, Office of Primary Care, Lead and Healthy Homes Program, HIV/STD Program, Tuberculosis and Refugee Program, Immunization Program, Environmental Public Health, the Local Health Department Outreach Office and Preparedness Program. Dr. Howell received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Purdue University and his Masters in Public Health from the University of Michigan. He is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. Dr. Howell has been with the Indiana State Department of Health since 1996. In addition to his current position he has served as Director to the Epidemiology Resource Center, Director of Operations Public Health and Preparedness, Veterinary Epidemiologist and as the Surveillance/Investigation Coordinator. He is currently an Adjunct Faculty member at the Indiana University School of Medicine's Department of Public Health.

**Nancy Huffman** serves as the Environmental Health Specialist for the Delaware County Health Department and is responsible for enforcing federal, state and local public health and environmental protection laws, rules, and regulations.

**Kelly Kelley** has found her niche in public health--more specifically in communicable disease investigation and prevention. She has had the fortunate opportunity to coordinate quarterly meetings of the District 10 public health nurses and which has meshed into a positive coalition that reflects objectives, challenges and accomplishments of their

respect county health departments. This provides each of them with a sounding board where they can bounce around ideas, frustrations, and solutions.

**Gregory Larkin, M.D., FAAFP, State Health Commissioner** was appointed by Governor Mitch Daniels as the Indiana State Health Commissioner in March 2010. Prior to his appointment, Dr. Larkin served as the chief medical officer for the Indiana Health Information Exchange, which promotes health information technology for the advancement of quality patient and community care, since retiring from Lilly in 2007. He is a recognized leader in the promotion of health information and technology and will extend Indiana's recognized preeminence in that area. Before joining the Indiana Health Information Exchange as its Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Larkin was the Director of Corporate Health Services for Eli Lilly and Company. He has been a member of the Healthy Indiana Plan task force, served as chairman of the board of the Indianapolis Medical Society and the Indiana Blood Center, and volunteered with many other medical and community organizations.

**Paul Lang** has a Masters Degree in Public Affairs from Indiana University. He served 27 years as CFO with Noble of Indiana, with five years as Vice President of Resource Development. Currently, he is a Lecturer and Program Director of Health Programs with the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University. His specialties include not-for-profit finance, strategic planning, board development and fundraising.

**Karen Long, RN** has a BSN from Indiana University Kokomo. Her work experiences include hospital, home care, and public health nursing. For the last five years she has been the Immunization Coordinator at the Howard County Health Department in Kokomo, IN, where she is responsible for planning, organization, implementation and supervision of vaccine clinics for adults and children at multiple venues including the health department, schools and mass seasonal and H1N1 flu clinics.

**Deb Lulling** is a registered nurse who graduated with her baccalaureate degree in nursing from IUPUI-Indianapolis. Deb has worked 14 years in the hospital setting, five years as a school nurse with students and their families in the school setting, and for the past five years, she has served as an asthma educator to the local school systems. She works with asthmatic students in schools with the American Lung Association's Open Airways program, A is for Asthma. She is a trainer for the National Association of School Nurses Managing Asthma Triggers Keeping Students Healthy: Air Quality Issues. She is a part of the Allen County Board of Health's Healthy Homes asthma screening and education program. She is an officer of the Allen County Asthma Coali-



tion and serves on the Indiana Joint Asthma Coalition and Child/Youth Workgroup. Deb helped design and initiate the Parkview Hospital Emergency Room Asthma Call Back Program in 2009.

**Lynn Maitlen** served as chair of the sub-committee to develop Indiana's Local Public Health Workforce Development Toolkit. In preparation for this position, she completed an exhaustive literature search to identify the impact of the National Public Health Performance Standards Program (NPHPSP), the National Public Health Accreditation Program, and workforce issues challenging public health. Lynn participated in the NPHPSP assessment process for the Dubois County local public health systems partners. She received training in team building and problem solving from Purdue's Technical Assistance Program. Lynn received her MSN in Community Health Nursing in 2009 from IUPUI. She has 14 years of experience in public health nursing, and has served as Director of Nursing Services in The Dubois County Health Department for the past nine years. Lynn is a member of APHA, ISNA, ACHNE, and Sigma Theta Tau.

**Paula McClain** is a registered nurse with a bachelor degree who for the past seven years has worked for the State of Indiana, Bureau of child Care, where she provided consultation to child care providers as well as education on health sanitation and safety. Prior to working for the state she was an instructor in the Medical Assisting Program for IVY Tech State College and the Nurse Manager for an Obstetric and Pediatric Unit at her local hospital.

**Morgan E. McGill, JD** grew up in Bethesda, Maryland, where she attended The Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C. and graduated with a B.A. in English from Barnard College, New York, New York. She spent the first half of her career teaching seventh grade English at Park Tudor School in Indianapolis. After obtaining her J.D. at the Indiana University School of Law Indianapolis, she worked at the Marion County Public Defender's Agency before joining the Office of Legal Affairs in 2007. She serves as primary contact for Maternal Health Services at ISDH and handles litigation for the Children's Special Health Care Services Program and the Environmental Health Program. Morgan's areas of concentration include: Vital Records, Minority Health, Communicable Diseases, Immediate Jeopardy Meetings, Contracts and Memorandums of Understanding, Ethics, and Public Access Laws. Morgan also serves as a HIPAA Emergency Response Team member and a member of the Data Release Committee.

**Marti Michel's** clinical speciality is Pediatric Pulmonology. He has worked with children with asthma and allergy for 29 years. He is a certified asthma educator.

**Janet Moore** graduated from the Indiana University School of Allied Health. She has worked at Parkview Hospital for last 27 years as Respiratory Therapist, Pulmonary Clinic Coordinator, and Asthma Educator. She currently works in the Children's Clinics and Community Nursing Department as an asthma educator. She is also an Open Airways, A is for Asthma and Breathe Well Live Well instructor and uses these skills in the Parkview Hospital ER Asthma Call Back Program.

**Kathryn Nicely** has a BA in Communication from DePauw University and a MA in Health Communication from Emerson College. Kathryn has been working with ISDH as the Asthma Program Health Educator and the Interim Asthma Program Director. She helps promote many asthma programs/resources throughout the state; one of these programs is the Coach's Clipboard Program. The Coach's Clipboard Program helps adults, mainly coaches, who work with children learn about asthma and what the signs and symptoms are of an asthma attack.

**Jeanine Phipps, APR** is a Master's Degree Candidate in Health Communication at Purdue University. Her 20+ years as a communication professional include news reporting and anchor desk positions in major-market radio followed by a career as an accredited public relations expert for a Big-Ten University. As part of her PR portfolio, she has trained hundreds of high-tech company CEOs on media relations through intensive skill-building workshops. She has received awards for news reporting; crisis response; brochure and billboard design; and print, radio and television advertising. She has held leadership positions with the Indiana Associated Press Broadcasters Organization as well as the American Advertising Federation of North Central Indiana.

**Pam Pontones** currently serves as the State Epidemiologist/Director of the Epidemiology Resource Center (ERC) at the ISDH. She supervises a program that includes five epidemiology divisions with approximately 50 epidemiologists, investigators, and support staff. She also serves as a subject matter expert and media spokesperson for various communicable diseases, including pandemic influenza and communicable disease reporting, serves on various committees, oversees federal grant activities, and represents the ISDH at national meetings. In addition, she has extensive involvement with agency quality improvement efforts and serves as team facilitator and co-presenter for the Quality Improvement Leadership Team. She is a fellow in the 2010 National Public Health Leadership Institute. From 2005-2009, she served as the Director of the Surveillance and Investigation Division of the ERC.

**Leisa Prasser** is a Registered Nurse who graduated from the University of Indianapolis in 1978. She also received a master's level Certificate in Field Epidemiology from the University of North Carolina in December of 2007. She has worked as a nurse in

obstetrics, pediatrics, and cardiology, and more recently in public health. Leisa worked for the Montgomery County Health Department from June 2002 until November 2007. She has a public health background which includes immunizations, TB, communicable diseases, and preparedness planning. Since May 2008, Leisa has worked as an Aide to the State Health Commissioner. She was given oversight of the Workforce Development Project in November 2008 and has worked with both an executive advisory committee and a workgroup to develop a toolkit to assist local health departments in quality improvement efforts and preparing for public health accreditation.

**Dr. Matthew Ritchey**, a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, is currently the CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer assigned to the Indiana State Department of Health. In this role he assists the health department in its daily activities, in addition to leading outbreak investigations and other special projects. Prior to working with the CDC, Dr. Ritchey practiced physical therapy at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center where he provided patient care and conducted injury prevention and pediatric obesity research.

**Loren L. Robertson, M.S., R.E.H.S.** was appointed Deputy State Health Commissioner effective June 8, 2009. Prior to his appointment, Loren served as the Assistant Commissioner for Public Health and Preparedness at the Indiana State Department of Health, where he directed and oversaw Emergency Preparedness and Response, Epidemiology Resource Center, Environmental Public Health, Office of Primary Care, Immunizations, HIV and STD, TB and Refugee Health, Lead and Healthy Homes, and Legislative Affairs. Prior to joining ISDH in May 2005, Loren was associated with the Ft. Wayne - Allen County Department of Health for more than 30 years.

**Erin Slevin** joined the ISDH in October 2009 as Program Coordinator for the Healthy Communities Program. Recently, she became Program Director at ISDH for the Communities Putting Prevention to Work cooperative agreement., where she works with Bartholomew and Vanderburgh counties to ensure implementation of evidence-based interventions related to increasing nutrition and physical activity within the communities. She works with these communities to support sustainable health change by advancing policy, systems, and environmental change approaches with a strategic focus on obesity prevention. Erin also provides technical assistance to the counties' program coordinators, coalitions, and additional internal and external partners. She has worked in health promotion and tobacco prevention, cessation and control. Erin has her MPH from Indiana University and a BS in Health Science from Ball State University. Erin has also been a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) since October 2004.

**Jodi Tobias** received her MA in Public Administration from Indiana University in 2000. She spent the next several years in social service delivery working with underserved populations. Jodi is the Program Manager of the Indiana Medical Monitoring Project at the ISDH's Division of HIV/STD. Since joining the Medical Monitoring Project, Jodi served as an Interviewer and Medical Record Abstractor before becoming the Program Manager in 2009.

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